

2008 BOARD OF SELECTMEN PRIORITIES

OPEN AND COMMUNITY SPACE

Strategies:

- Continue to improve maintenance of all open space, town properties and facilities
- Review and evaluate current use of Town owned properties and facilities
- Actively review available properties for acquisition
- Establish reserve fund for future land acquisition for multiple municipal purposes
- Continue efforts to improve the environment – such as reduce the use of energy, encourage dredging of waterways, consider change to vehicles that use alternative fuels, institute green cleaning and building policies, explore water retention opportunities
- Appoint Tree Commission
- Consider the Weed Beach Master Plan
- Develop cohesive government solutions to mitigate the effects of flooding
- Develop long term plan to improve the health of Holly Pond
- Establish land use policy for Darien Library Property

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION

Strategies:

- Continue to address congestion issues on the Post Road and in Noroton Heights with the Police Department and the Police Commission
- Pursue the completion of outstanding projects with CDOT
- Pursue School Safety Zone Grant
- Complete RFQ with SWRPA to get Route 1 Corridor Study underway
- Develop plans to increase commuter parking
- Continue to implement improvements to Noroton Heights and Darien Rail Stations
- Continue federal program to replace street signs
- Develop priority areas for sidewalk replacement, extension and the addition of new sidewalks
- Increase road paving in annual budget
- Explore and recommend safe areas for bike routes on roadways and include additional bike racks

DOWNTOWN AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Strategies:

- Support the efforts of DRI
- Quarterly report from DRI to include financial reporting
- Encourage the Heights Road businesses to form a merchants association
- Develop vision for Noroton Heights Business District
- Develop plan to bury power and phone lines in the downtown

- Replace Heights Road drainage culvert and implement downstream improvements

HOUSING

Strategies:

- Develop an Affordable Housing Policy and Plan for the Town of Darien
- Implement BoS land use policy of Senior Center site to build a new Senior Center, affordable senior housing and a home for the mentally and physically challenged
- Encourage Transit Oriented Development (TOD)

TECHNOLOGY

Strategies:

- Implement technology to improve the efficiency and economy of Town Government
- Continue the IT efforts to expand website accessibility to Town Government information, town forms, applications, etc
- Expand usages and integration of GIS
- Continue Town wide Standardization of IT Platform
- Identify WiFi opportunities throughout town
- Reinstate the Town Website Committee to implement policy
- Fund cameras to be placed at critical intersections in Town

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